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1. STATE AND DEFENSE ARE CAREFULLY WEIGHING AIRCRAFT PROS AND CONS OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF DATT AIRCRAFT UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENT AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES. WE CONCUR IN YOUR CONCLUSION THAT MAIN IMMEDIATE ISSUE SEEMS TO BE THE USE OF SOUTH AFRICAN IN LIEU OF LOCAL MALAGASY MAINTENANCE FACILITIES (PARA 7 REFTL A). QUESTIONS OF NON-DIPLOMATIC FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND SECURITY CONCERNS
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MOST PROBABLY RAISED ONLY AS DEBATING POINTS TO APPLY

PRESSURE ON REAL GOMR CONCERN OVER FLIGHTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. FURTHER BELIEVE THAT QUESTION OF EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF PRESENT DATT AIRCRAFT AND ITS ULTIMATE DISPOSAL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT A LATER TIME.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND IN PURSUING POSSIBILITIES OF CONTINUING RETENTION OF DATT C-47 AT TANANARIVE (FOR ITS LIMITED REMAINING SERVICE) ON BASIS OF EMBASSY CONCLUSIONS IN PARA 10 OF REFTEL (A), EMBASSY AUTHORIZED INFORM FONMIN THAT ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR ECONOMICAL MAINTENANCE OF DATT AIRCRAFT FOR ITS LIMITED REMAINING SERVICE ARE NOW BEING ACTIVELY EXPLORED, ALONG WITH THE

LEGAL ASPECTS OF TERMINATING PRESENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH FIELDS AVIATION, GERMISTON, SOUTH AFRICA. STUDY WILL INCLUDE COMPARATIVE COSTS AND ABILITY TO MEET USAF MAINTENANCE STANDARDS AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANNED REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT. LATTER WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH SELECTED SUPPLIER, WHEN SOURCE AND DELIVERY DATE IS DETERMINED, WITH VIEW TOWARD INCLUSION OF ARRANGEMENTS BY SUPPLIER FOR LOCAL COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN MALAGASY.

3. WE WILL TAKE THIS LINE WITH RATSIRAKA IF HE RAISES ISSUE HERE.

4. REGRET INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE, BUT BELIEVE SUCH ARRANGEMENT WILL SERVE OVERALL USG INTERESTS BEST. RUSH

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